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CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 14, 2002,
Applicants reply as follows.

REMARKS

Upon receiving the Office Action of August 14, 2002, the undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner and requested a new Office Action for two reasons. First, the Office Action is not responsive to the most recent communication filed by Applicants on July 3, 2002. Further, the claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being broadened claims filed in a reissue application filed outside the two year statutory period. However, as pointed out in the telephone conversation